

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Before this Amendment, claims 1-48 were pending. In the Final Office Action of July 3, 2006, claims 13, 14, 29, 30, 42 and 43 were allowed. Claims 5, 7, 10, 16, 21, 23, 26, 32, 34, 36, 39, and 45 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 17-20, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 31, 33, 35, 37, 38, 40, 41, 44 and 46-48 were rejected as allegedly anticipated by Philyaw (U.S. 6745234). Claims 5-6, 10-11, 16, 21-22, 26-27, 32, 34-35, 39-40 and 46-48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph because it allegedly would be unclear how determining one time point in the multimedia document would result in determining both a first and second time.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Accordingly, in interest of expedited prosecution, Applicant has amended claims 1, 7-8, 15, 17, 23-24, 31, 33, 36-37 and 44 to include subject matter indicated to be allowable. For example, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the features of previously-submitted claims 5 and 46. Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form. Similarly, independent claim 8 has been amended to include the features of previously-submitted claims 10 and 47; independent claim 15 has been amended to include the features of claim 16, and so on. Claims 5-6, 10-11, 16, 21-22, 26-27, 32, 34-35, 39-40 and 45-48 have accordingly been cancelled. Applicants submit that the currently pending claims are in a condition for allowance.

Where applicable, Applicants have amended the claims to address the 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph rejection. Further with respect to the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection, the Office Action states at page 3 that image data "would not have an associated time point." However, as stated in the specification at least at paragraphs [0143] to [0145], images such as PowerPoint presentation slides or whiteboard information (e.g. text and drawings drawn on a whiteboard) may have associated time points. For example, timestamps may be synchronized with image information. The specification states:

[0145] According to an embodiment of the present invention, during generation of the printable representation for the recorded meeting, MIPSS 104 synchronizes the slides information and whiteboard information with the audio and video information using timestamps associated with the various types of information. When the multimedia information corresponding to the recorded meeting is divided into segments, each segment may comprise text information, video information, slides information, and whiteboard information. When the multimedia paper document is generated, one or more slides are then printed in close proximity to the identifier of a segment that contains slides information related to the printed slides. The slides are thus printed close to when they were presented. Likewise, images of the whiteboard are printed in close proximity to the identifier of a segment that contains the whiteboard information. The whiteboard images are thus printed close to when they were presented. In the embodiment depicted in FIG. 8A, the slides and whiteboard images are printed inline with the text sections.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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